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ATHLETICS MOST VALUABLE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Recent Questionnaire Shows Undergraduate Opinion of Hamilton

SCORES PUBLIC SPEAKING

Students Like Small Size and Friendly Atmosphere

Public speaking is the largest fly in the Hamilton undergraduate's ointment! This disclosure is one of the many startling facts brought to light by **Life's** recent questionnaire, whose amazing answers would seem to refute some of the statements made about the benefits acquired from four years on the Hill. Student attitude on prohibition and the advisibility of sending one's son to Hamilton has been brought out in a most interesting fashion by the set of questions submitted to the college body last Saturday morning.

The result that was probably most typical of Hamilton was the answer received to the question dealing with preference for a Phi Beta Kappa key or a major H. The student vote was almost two to one in favor of the former, a condition due in part, no doubt, to Hamilton's size. Seniors and freshmen showed the greatest preference for scholastic attainment, although the major H was not so popular as the golden key even with the other classes. A surprising fact brought out by the answers to this question is that more than half of the undergraduates who consider athletics the most valuable extra-curricular activity prefer a key to a letter.

It would appear that Hamilton men look with disfavor on prohibition, although the total number of votes cast on either side were nearly the same. The freshmen were overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition without modification, the sophomores in favor of it by one vote, the juniors against it by a small majority, and the seniors very much opposed to it, two to one.

Although there would seem to be little connection between sending one's sons to Hamilton and prohibition, the vote on the two questions was exactly the same, students being in favor of their sons following them through their Alma Mater almost two to one. However, these figures can not be relied on, as shown by the fact that the freshmen were four to one in favor, and the seniors nearly two to one against. Disillusion would seem to have played a large part in the case of the senior class, at least. The reasons for not sending one's sons to Hamilton were many and varied, but the two chief difficulties were the conservatism of the College, and the unwillingness to make the decision for one's children.

The vagabonding system proved much more popular on paper than it does in practice. Only 28 votes were

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Heacock, '80, Former State Senator, Dead

After an illness of six weeks, Seth G. Heacock, prominent Central New Yorker and Hamilton graduate, died in a New York hospital last week.

He was born in Buffalo, March 1, 1857, and was graduated from Hamilton in 1880. While at college he was a Clark Prize winner and sophomore prize speaker. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

During President Harrison's administration he was appointed postmaster of Ilion. Three years later he resigned to take charge of family property in Ohio on which oil had been discovered. He became interested and bought several wells in Kansas and Illinois, remaining in the West for a number of years.

Besides taking an active part in national politics, Mr. Hancock was for eight years a member of the state senate. In 1906 he was elected by a large majority to represent Herkimer, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties, and was reelected for the three following terms. While a member of the senate he was a prominent figure in state affairs, holding an important committee position in each of his four terms.

During his boyhood Senator Heacock attended a public school at Buffalo. He spent two years in Europe, studying at Heidelberg and in France, before returning to complete his education at Hamilton.

Vagabonding Schedule

Wednesday, 1:30—Fundamentals of Art (Mr. Root, Root Studio).

Thursday, 10:30—Longfellow (Professor Ristine, Truax Hall).

Thursday, 1:30—Pictorial Art (Mr. Root, Root Studio).

HAVERFORD PLANS FOUR YEAR EXAM

Comprehensive Examination for A. B. Has Student Approval

All candidates for a Bachelor's degree at Haverford will have to pass a comprehensive examination in their major subject before being eligible to receive a diploma, reports the **Haverford News.** A resolution to this effect was recently passed by the faculty of that institution, but the system will not be put into action until 1931. The details of the plan will be worked out by the Faculty Curriculum Committee and will probably be presented to the entire faculty for approval in a report at the January meeting.

The resolution, as passed by the faculty, reads: "That every candidate for the Bachelor's degree be required to pass at the end of his Senior year an examination, either written or oral, covering his major subject, and that the requirements for the examination and the form of the examination for each department be worked out by the department in collaboration with the Curriculum Committee of the faculty."

This system is in accordance with a precedent adopted at Harvard nearly two years ago, and instituted at Swarthmore last year. It was found to be generally successful at both institutions, according to reports of officials. At Swarthmore only two students failed to secure their diplomas last year as a result of taking a comprehensive examination in their major subject. These students were permitted to go to summer school and retake the examination.

According to President Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore, a comprehensive examination "makes a man think of his major as a subject of knowledge rather than a collection of courses." He is emphatic in his approval of the system as adopted at Swarthmore and believes that it tends to raise the standard of scholarship and to counteract the "checkerboard" system of education.

Although President Comfort of Haverford declined to issue any statement regarding the action of the faculty, several members of the faculty expressed the opinion that the plan will tend to raise the Haverford standard of scholarship when it is put into effect two years hence. The general feeling of the faculty seems to be that a system of comprehensive examinations over major subjects will force men who count on graduating with the minimum of academic effort to put in more intensive work to secure their degrees, and will make the selection of a major subject a matter of more careful consideration. It is also believed by several members of the faculty that the new plan will prevent the tendency on the part of

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Juniors Attempt to Revive Junior Prom

For the past few days an attempt has been made by many juniors to revive the Junior Prom, which in previous years was one of the great social events of the season at Hamilton. However, nothing has been definitely decided upon as yet.

In the three class meetings held by the third year men, the majority vote in every instance was in favor of the Prom, but the vote was not large enough to assure support for such an affair. Therefore a committee is now endeavoring to find out the sentiments of the different fraternities about Junior Prom.

The plan that has been suggested is to hold the Junior Prom between semesters on Friday evening, February third. The various fraternities that so desired could have a house party on the following evening. It now seems very probable that the Prom will be held.

SECOND ISSUE OF LIT PROVES ENTERTAINING

Book Reviews, Alumniana, and Stage Criticism Among Regular Departments

WELL CHOSEN SELECTIONS

"Intoxication" by Robert Cruser Is High Point

The second issue of the revived Hamilton Literary Magazine made its appearance last Saturday. In type of content it is much the same as its predecessors, but in quality it is inferior to the issue of last June. However, no safe comparison can be made with that issue, since it had the accumulated work of several years from which to choose.

The first and most outstanding contribution is "Intoxication," by Robert W. Cruser, '31. Other stories are "An Imbroglio," by Richard A. Atkins, '29, "Portaging: A Mixed Blessing," by Vernon A. Ives, '30, and "These Incredulous People," by T. Walter Persson,, '30. Paul H. Bixler, '22, offers an essay entitled "Mind Readers," while "The Wilderness," by Charles L. Symonds, '31, is descriptive.

Poetry is divided between Theodore G. Law, '30, Benjamin Buchbinder, Jr., '31, Samuel A. Ives, 30, and Zebulun L. Macmillan, '29. The remainder of the magazine consists of book and theater reviews, Alumniana, and an article on Dr. Collier, '89, former American Ambassador to Chile.

The title of Cruser's story belies its contents, for liquor is mentioned only once. But as one of the characters remarks, "You can get drunk on other things besides booze," and on this the tale is based. The scene is laid in the Pennsylvania hills, a region with which the author is well acquainted. While essentially a character sketch, it has a dramatic force that at the close leaves one with a mysterious sense of overwhelming tragedy.

"An Imbroglio," by Atkins, presents a style quite different from Cruser's. Describing a train wreck in which the author is supposed to have taken part, it is written after the style of the old Greek tragedies. The climax of the story is reached soon after the beginning, and from there on interest dwindles to a rather lame ending. If read in the proper spirit, however, it will be found to be quite interesting.

Bixler's essay is a satirical note on psychology, written in narrative form. It is the only article written by an alumnus in this issue of Lit "Portaging: A Mixed Blessing" combines description with the narration of a canoe trip in the Adirondacks. It is very readable, and ranks perhaps next to "Intoxication."

Strange as it may seem, "These Incredulous People" is a true story. It is said that the skater's tale may be taken without salt as an actual occurance. The theme of Symond's "The Wilderness" is suggested by its title. Despite some technical inaccuracies, it has a rather appealing beauty of expression.

Little can be said on the poetry, which has only three redeeming pieces: "Contemplation," by S. A. Ives; "The Campus at Night," by Buchbinder; and Law's "Thoughts of a Pickaninny." The remainder of this section seems to be the creation of not particularly fertile imaginations. S. A. Ives, '30, Louis C. Jones, '30. and William Sloane, Jr., '32, divide the book review section. This might have been made of more general interest to the student body if more popular books had been reviewed.

There is nothing to be said for The Theater, conducted by Lloyd V. Almirall, '29, beyond the fact that the space might have been put to a better use. The article on the Hon. William M. Collier is dry, and it is to be hoped that future contributions on the work of prominent alumni will be written in a more engaging manner.

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Copy for the next issue of the Literary Magazine which will come out the last week of this semester is due shortly after Christmas. All undergraduates are invited to contribute and should turn in their copy to Mineka or Barns by this time.

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Because of the Christmas recess which begins at 4:30 next Wednesday, there will be no issue of Hamilton Life until the reopening of college in January.

HAMILTON COURT TEAM WINS AND LOSES ON TRIP

Defeat Clarkson 35-17, But Lose to St. Lawrence By 22-18 Score

POOR ON FOUL SHOTS

Hamilton Outpoints Larries in Field Goals

Defeating Clarkson by the decisive score of 35-17 on Friday night, but losing to St. Lawrence by the margin of four points, 22-18, Saturday, the Hamilton basketball team completed its first long trip and its first two games of the season. It was the teamwork and passing of the Buff and Blue which completely baffled the Clarkson quintet, while the admirable defense in both games limited the opponents to seven and five field goals respectively.

The Clarkson game was by far the better contest of the two and showed what the newly formed team is capable of doing. After a closely contested first half, the Buff and Blue opened up with a more perfected "slow break" in the second and rushed Clarkson completely off their feet. passing, shooting, and breaking more accurately, the team almost doubled the score at the half, while the defense held Clarkson to three points.

Joe Normile and Morris, the two first string sophomores, were the high scorers of the game with ten points each, while Hiler exhibited exceptional form, getting most of the tipoffs and scoring seven points. Capt. Normile and Carpenter played stellar defense games, limiting Clarkson to seven field goals for the entire game. In the last part of the second half substitutions were made for Hamilton, so that all ten men who made the trip were in the game.

Saturday night neither St. Lawrence nor Hamilton played the brand of ball they are capable of playing, and while the Buff and Blue scored seven field goals to five for St. Lawrence, the greater number of foul shots gave the latter the four-point margin. Hamilton was a bit lost at first on the large 88-foot court, but soon found themselves after the first half and were on the heels of St. Lawrence for the rest of the game. The score at the half was 12-8.

The game was fast and close throughout, but was marred by many fouls on both sides. Both Capt. John and Joe Normile were put out on personals in the last quarter with Hamilton only two points behind, and their loss to the offense was felt considerably.

The final half was extremely close

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Basketball Team to Meet Toronto Monday

Hamilton College basketball will assume an international aspect for the first time next Monday night when the Buff and Blue team will face the strong University of Toronto quintet on the Hill court.

Backed by experience gained in the two previous games, the Hamilton dribblers should be in a much better condition to meet strong opposition than they were a week back. Coach Weber, anticipating unusually hard and fast playing, and long center-court shots on the part of the visitors, has been giving particular attention for the last few days to the work of the defense men. Plenty of foul shooting will be a big part of the daily schedule from now on, for it was weakness in this department that accounted in a large measure for the Hill's defeat at Canton last Saturday.

For the Canadian aggregation this will be the first game in a series which will take them to Colgate and Syracuse. It is expected that the visitors will bring along a large squad of players so that the same men will not have to play throughout the entire three games that follow so close in succession.

The Hamilton back court combination of John Normile and Carpenter, which faced Clarkson and St. Lawrence last weekend will undoubtedly remain unchanged for the coming game. The offensive positions will probably be filled by the strong sophomore trio, Morris and Crowley, forwards, and Joseph Normile, center, a combination which displayed speedy open court work in last week's games.

ELEVEN GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR'S SEXTET

Calendar

Wednesday
Oxford Debate in the Chapel, 8:15.

Thursday
Choir Practice, 7:45.

Friday
Political Science Club, Psi Upsilon House, 8.

Saturday
Hockey with Middlebury at Clinton, 8:15.

Sunday
Chapel Preacher, Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske, D. D.,, Utica.
Choir Recital and Miracle Play, Commons Hall, at 8.

Monday
Basketball with Toronto at Clinton, 8:15.

Wednesday
Christmas Recess, 4:30 to January 3, Thursday, 8 a. m.

LAWTON ELECTED SOCCER CAPTAIN

Star Offensive Player of 1928 Squad Is Choice of Teammates

James Lawton, one of the most popular members of the junior class was elected captain of soccer at a meeting of lettermen at the home of Athletic Director Prettyman, Monday night.

The new captain, who was one of the leading scorers during the season just ended, has played a consistently good game on the varsity for two years. Since he was shifted from a backfield position early in his sophomore year to a post in the line, he has shown constant improvement. He is now one of the cleverest offensive men on the team, second only to Chan in his ability to make goals.

Lawton opened his soccer career by making the freshman team. He earned his fiirst varsity position at the beginning of his sophomore year and retained a first choice position constantly for two seasons without missing a game. Meanwhile he has contributed to Hamilton athletic history in other fields by earning a letter in baseball as a promising outfielder, and by maintaining a position on the basketball and the freshman baseball team during his first year in college.

The new captain, a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, is a member also of two class honorary societies, the Quadrangle Club and D. T. During his sophomore year he was president of his class.

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Hockey Team Will Meet Middlebury Saturday

Saturday evening the Sage Building will ring with the first hockey game of the season, when the Buff and Blue warriors clash with the crack team from Middlebury. Handicapped by the lack of Captain Schneider and Wilson, both still suffering from injuries received during football season, the team will be in for trouble from the Vermont skaters, particularly as Monday was the first time Hamilton men have been able to take to the ice.

For the past few years Middlebury has been represented by hockey teams of real merit, which have provided opponents with fast, hard games. Last year Middlebury had the distinction of being the only team to defeat Clarkson, one of the best outfits i the East.

Hamilton has again been unfortunate in not being able to have ice until less than a week before the first game, and the team has been consequently handicapped by lack of practice. Coach Prettyman reports that he has many promising candidates, but he has not as yet chosen his first string sextet.

The team that takes the ice Saturday will be light and inexperienced, due to losses suffered by graduation and injuries. Beardsley, Bald, Hassard, and Scovel, of last year's team, will be greatly missed, as will Captain Schneider, stellar defense man. Ingalls will be the only player from last year's varsity sextet on the ice Saturday night, although Smith, Birch, Montgomery, Baker, Harmon, and Cutter had some experience last year.

St. Stephens, Colgate, and R. P. I. Are Newcomers Among Opponents

TEN HOME GAMES

Nichols Club Is on Home-and-Home Contract

An attractive hockey schedule of ten home games and one road contest which introduces three new opponents has been announced by Manager David Hunn of the Hamilton College hockey team.

Colgate, R. P. I. and St. Stephens replace Clarkson, Syracuse and Williams to provide the only intercollegiate changes. A further shift replaces the usual alumni game with the Nichols Club at Buffalo, which has heretofore been met in only one game, and usually at Buffalo. This year the speedy Bison City club, containing several Hamiltonians in its membership, has been signed up under a home-and-home agreement.

The season gets under way a week from Saturday with Middlebury furnishing the opposition. Four days later the sextet plays its lone road contest at Buffalo.

The season continues January 5 with Victoria providing the only international contest. Other opponents are Massachusetts Aggies, Union, St. Lawrence and Amherst. Colgate ends the season March 2.

Judging from former years Hamilton will meet its toughest opposition early in the season against Middlebury and Victoria. Amherst February 16, is also likely to be a difficult game. Because of long rivalry, Union and Colgate will be the biggest drawing cards. In the case of the latter game, since the Maroon and Buff and Blue will meet on the rink for the first athletic contest between the two institutions since last Spring, playing is likely to be keen.

St. Lawrence and the Aggies should be downed and similar predictions might be made as to the R. P. I. and St. Stephen's games, although both colleges are new opponents.

Such a favorable schedule of home games was made possible because of the facilities on the Hill. The Russell Sage rink is one of the finest indoor natural ice rinks in the country. The games which are held every Saturday during the winter are usually attended by a good crowd of spectators. This year, with interest in hockey manifestly on the rise, there is every indication that the bleachers will be well-filled.

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Varsity Letters To Be Awarded on Dec. 14

On Friday night, December 14, the Fall meeting of the Executive Council will be held, and on the following Tuesday night, December 18,, there will bea meeting of the college body in the Hall of Commons. All matters to be brought up at the Executive Council meeting should be reported to the secretary, John R. Normile, before Friday night.

At the meeting of the college body, the presentation of awards for the Fall sports will take place. Letters will be given to the members of the varsity teams in football, soccer, and cross-country, and the freshmen will receive numerals for these sports.

Those eligible to receive letters for football are as follows: Chatfield, Reinecke, Allen, Wilson, Westerberg, Carpenter, Bush, Jarrett, L. Morris, W. Morris, Campbell, Sherman, Crowley, Folley, Carson, Rodger, Jenks, Conger and Schneider.

In soccer the following have been awarded the H: Chan, Dutcher, Ferry, Kavakos, Kinsey, Lawton, Miller, Montgomery, Normile, Webster, and Hartman.

Cross-country awards go to: Crane, Clark, Douglas, Isaacs, and White.

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John Van Alstyne Weaver, '14, has contributed another story to College Humor. His story is entitled, "And See the World" and was published in the January, 1929 isesue of the magazine. Mr. Weaver recently contributed a story to College Humor entitled "Sailor Love" which was printed last autumn. Mr. Weaver was editor-in-chief of the **Hamilton Literary Magazine** while at Hamilton College.

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"Inasmuch as law doth stand upon reason, to allege reason serveth as well as to cite Scripture."—Richard Hooker.

HONOR COURSES FOR HONOR MEN

Honor courses for upperclassmen of high standing have often been suggested for Hamilton College. Many a visionary undergraduate has fondly dreamed of such a plan, hoping that some curricular provision might eventually be made for it. Swarthmore, Harvard, Columbia, and many other fine institutions—including our fair neighbor Wells—are experiencing it as an actuality, and with marked success, if we may draw conclusions from their favorable reports. The opportunity for increased independence, wider reading, and more original research which the honor course offers is obviously great.

Notwithstanding this, the reply has been quite justly made to aspiring reformers (who often have little save their aspirations to recommend them) that but a few Hamilton upperclassmen are capable of successful honor course work. Exemption from class-room requirements, with the consequent freedom given the student, and tutorial supervision of extensive reading in one or more fields would certainly result in failure for the average undergraduate of today. Which argument carries great weight.

Yet the fact stubbornly remains that some fine day one or more legitimate candidates for this type of work may turn up (if, indeed, none have to date); and it is going to be true, unfortunately, that Hamilton must confess its inability to treat such men as they best deserve. This is tendered as no criticism of our present educational technique. It is offered, rather, as a constructive suggestion in the light of the plan's notable achievements at Harvard and Swarthmore.

The institution of such honor course work entails little curricular reorganization and little effort on the part of faculty tutors. The percentage of men who would be eligible for this work at the end of their sophomore year is necessarily low, assuming the standard of scholarship required to be eighty-five or above for the two years. Probably from ten to fifteen men at the most would be eligible for honor course work in their chief major at the end of the second year. Out of this small group certainly not more than five would choose the augumented responsibility and freedom of the honor course. Thus about five men in the junior class and five in the senior class (as a maximum) would require some tutorial supervision from department heads.

The essential practicability and conservatism of this proposal is best brought out by contrasting it with a recent innovation at St. John's College in Annapolis. At that institution a few fellowships for seniors have been endowed, which not only pay all of the student's expenses for the year, but leave him free to pursue culture as he pleases, or not to pursue it if he pleases to do that. In his unqualified liberty he need not attend any classes, unless he be so disposed. Here are the words of Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins, trustee of St. John's and sponsor of the revolutionary plan: "Much ink has been spilled on the subject of academic freedom, but nearly always with reference to the freedom of the professors to do various things, sometimes obviously absurd or ridiculous.

"Is it not about time to consider seriously the subject of the freedom, within academic precincts, of the student to develop his intellectual powers in the way he personally wants to?"

The inauguration of an honor course system at Hamilton would, of course, not partake of the adventurous and experimental nature of the St. John's project. It would, rather, mean the adoption of an already tested and approved educational practice. If Hamilton is not a laboratory for pedagogical experiment (and it will never be that), it assuredly should be alert to the imperious calls of progress and modernity in their established phases. We are **not** tired. We are fresh and full of energy.

"Down With Freshmen," Cry at Emory 'U', Ga.

Freshmen at Hamilton have much to be thankful for, if an article in a recent issue of The Emory Wheel, weekly publication of Emory University, Georgia, may be considered as any criterion. Annual Freshman Day was to be celebrated there a short time ago, when the conduct of the freshmen was to be that of "extreme deference, their meetings with upperclassmen being marked by low salaams and flourishes of the caps."

"The unfortunate rats must wear their clotohes wrong side out, backwards, and all other improper and undecorous ways. Their shoes must be unmatched. A large sign on the back of each rat will proclaim to the world his name and home town, which details as a matter of course, will prove exceedingly undesirable to all his superiors."

Freshmen not being considered quite human at Emory, "they will cross all bridges and ascend all stairs backward, and no thresholds of the university will see rats pass over them without their proper and correct fronts to the rear."

"Freshmen who appear at the dining hall quite hungry from the exertions of the morning will be served a delightful dinner of peas, cherries, spaghetti and soup, which they will be compelled to eat with a knife." This appetizing bill of fare was concocted by the university dietitian working in conjunction with a special committee, "in an effort to please the privileged rats, who, being in the spotlight of the day's activities, should indeed be catered to in the light of their esteemed position."

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Professor M. L. Bonham, head of the Hamilton College history department, is to be one of the speakers at the forty-third annual meeting of the American Historical Association at Hotel Claypool in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 28, 29 and 31. Professor Bonham will speak on "The Religious Side of Joseph Brant." This speech with three others will be associated with the discussion of the American Revolution. Professor Bonham will deliver his speech on Friday afternoon, December 28.

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Frederick W. Leich, Jr., '28, last year's editor of **Hamilton Life**, is taking graduate work at Harvard Business School.

Pi Delta Epsilon Holds Convention at Atlanta

Paul V. Combs, president of the Hamilton Chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, returned Sunday from the national convention of the fraternity which was held at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., December 6-8.

The convention, presided over by Professor George M. Sparks of the Public Relations Department at Georgia Tech, was a most representative one, delegates being present from practically all chapters throughout the country. It was announced at the meeting that the annual competition with a prize for the best editorial submitted by an undergraduate from any college in the country would be resumed with the new year. A prize will also be offered for the best news story written and submitted within the same limit of time.

Activities were climaxed Saturday evening with an enjoyable dinner held at the Georgian Terrace Hotel.

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Utica Flying Service To Offer Course Here

During the past five months hundreds of automobiles from various cities and towns in this part of the state have formed an unbroken line on the Utica-Rome road and parked at the Utica Municipal Airport. Thousands of people have watched the flying activities and parachute jumps while others other thousands have had the pleasure and thrill of riding in the skies. Newspapers have published articles concerning the flying activities conducted at the airport and advertisements have been run in Hamilton Life featuring these activities. Undoubtedly Hamilton men were surprised at the rapid developments which took place during the summer vacation.

Cognizant of the rapidly approaching era of aviation, prominent business men of Utica backed a movement for a municipal airport which culminated with the purchase of land adjoining the State Hospital Buildings by the city on August 1. With development of the airport started the next step was to provide suitable flying facilities. It was for this purpose that the Utica Flying Service, Inc., was formed. This organization, composed of young college graduates and backed financially by Uticans in all walks of life, was extremely fortunate in securing capable executives experienced in this comparatively new line of work.

The Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. Reginald Heath, is an expert along aeronautical lines. As a member of the Royal Air Force during the war, Mr. Heath accumulated a wealth of experience and has constantly kept himself posted on all the developments in aviation. The instructor, Mr. Harold Scott, is a veteran in his line and is especially familiar with this section of the country. It has been estimated that he has left the ground over fifty thousand times.

All operations of the Corporation are conducted in an extremely efficient manner. Daily reports enable supervisors to know exactly what each plane is doing and how each employee uses his time. Inspection of all planes is strictly enforced and a mechanic and helper are busy from morning until night keeping all the planes in perfect running order. No chances are taken. All planes are examined and licensed by the Department of Commerce and occasionally a government inspector makes an official check of all planes at the airport.

Hamilton men will no doubt be interested in the free course of ground instruction which the Utica Flying Service will offer here in the near future. Lectures on the fundamentals of aernautics, followed by an open discussion, will be given. Theory of Flight, Airplane Construction, Airplane Motors and other subjects will be fully explained. Such a course paves the way for actual flying instruction which is an essential fundamental to anyone intending to take up aviation as a business. This youngest and most promising of industries affords employment to young men desirous of life work that is both pleasant and profitable in a field of manifold opportunity.

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Oscar T. Barck, Jr., '23, instructor in history at Syracuse, is now writing his thesis and expects to get a Doctor's degree from Columbia shortly.

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With final details for the annual Christmas program to be presented in the Hall of Commons next Sunday evening at 8:00 under the direction of Professor Paul A. Fancer nearly complete, this year's entertainment promises to outshine all previous Yuletide festivities on the Hill.

The program will consist of a miracle play by members of the Class of Dramatic Interpretation, together with Christmas carols sung by the College Choir.

Oxford Debaters Are Speakers of Ability

When the Hamilton debating team meets the representatives of Oxford in the Chapel this evening to debate the question of the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations, they will cross swords with three of the most accomplished graduates of that celebrated English institution. All three of the Oxford debaters are speakers of ability, each having been President of theOxford Union. The members of the team are C. S. Malcolm Brereton, Alan T. Lennox-Boyd, and Dingle M. Foot.

C. S. Malcolm Brereton is a graduate of Balliol College, being one of the most outstanding men in his class. Entering Balliol College from Rugby where he had been head of the school, he engaged in journalism, carrying the Oxford Outlook through its most successful year as its Business Editor.

Fellow-critics at the time of his presidency of the Oxford Union called Mr. Brereton the best speaker in the society. He has the reputation of having delivered the "best after-dinner speech ever heard in Oxford." Mr. Brereton has a rare combination of originality, caustic humor, and vigor of expression.

Alan T. Lennox-Boyd of Christ Church College is the second member of the English team. Mr. Lennox-Boyd acquired a very enviable academic reputation while at Christ Church College, having been President of the Conservative Association and President of the Oxford Union. He is very clever in debate, arguing with great personal charm and effectiveness.

Dingle M. Foot of Balliol College completes the team which is touring the country this year as a representative of Oxford debating traditions. Following in the footsteps of his father who has sat in three parliaments, Mr. Foot has been active in political organizations, both in and out of Oxford University. An energetic Liberal, he has served as President of the Oxford Liberal Club during the past year, and is now prospective Liberal Candidate to Parliament for the Tiverton division of Devonshire.

In these activities he has had frequent practice in the art of debate, and therefore comes to the United States with a training that is conducive to clear logic and fluent speech.

Mr. Foot's brother, Mr. Hugh M. Foot, was a member of the Cambridge Debating Team which visited the United States last year. A few years ago at the celebration at Plymouth, Massachusetts, of the tercentenary of the arrival of the 'Mayflower,' Mr. Foot's father, Mr. Isaac Foot, M. P., represented the town of Plymouth, England. Consequently Mr. Foot's associations with this country are not merely in matters of theoretical interest.

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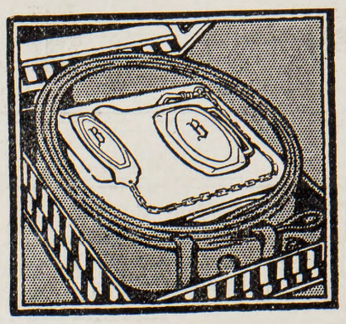

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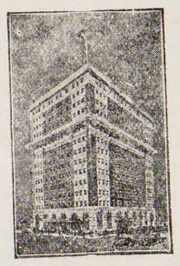

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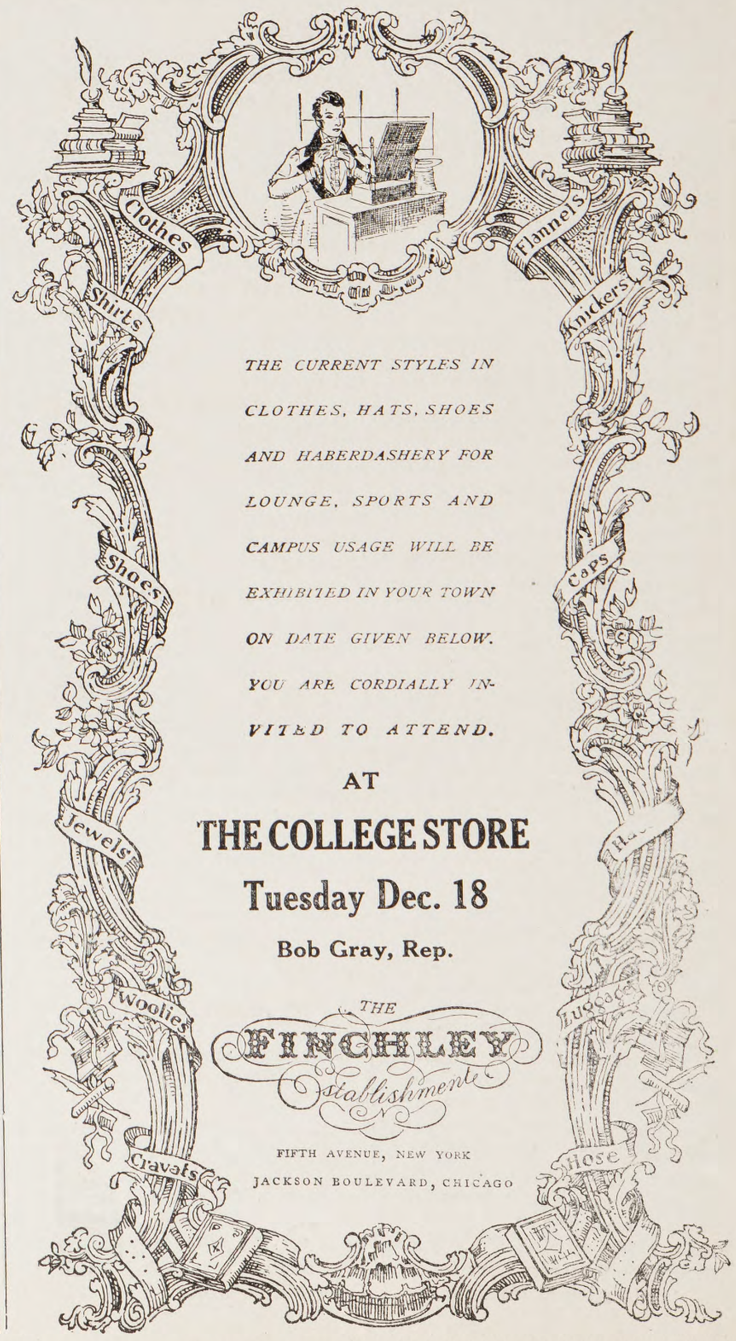

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Ode to the wheeze in the chapel bell
Tzzeck buzzz ghnaw
Whee whirr whaww
For men may come andmenmay go—down the whirling skirling snow,
"But I go on forever" quoth the ravin "No never."
Ding dong bell
Pussy's in the well
What the hell what the hell

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Dear Carp,

I don wanna be obtrusive, but I think there's a coupla things the boys around here ought to gnow about.

In the 1st place, there ought to be a little publicity about the recent Declamation Discovery, viz, that old Truax goes by the name of The Hole of Philosophy.

And then the slime should be informed of this infallible way of telling whether a man is a professor or not: Track him to the Library, and if he talks out loud there, he's a professor, (or Brooding Brown, '29).

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2. Do you prefer an ache to a Whis Key?
3. Do you favor the installation of a bar in the Y. M. C. A.?
4. Do you favor the abolition of all extra-curricular activities except bridge?
5. Next to the Lit, what magazine do you prefer?
6. Do you read books or do you get your culture from the reviews?
7. Do you have trouble sleeping on chapel benches or do you want cushions installed?

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That Alumni Bulletin Again

Dear Carpe,

Please use your influence with the business department a little to see if you can't get Nutsey's subscription cancelled on account of him being incompetent or maybe only inefficient. Last week he started off his story with "the" which is bad according to Ham Life style sheet, edition of 1926, and besides, any natural journalist ought to know better. Then he says "effusions" which is too big a word for a tabloid man to put down without explanation, but maybe he used it because Cal Loose liked effusions in pub. sp. 9-10.

What we started to say was that your N. Y. correspondent hasn't covered Columbia completely except P. and S., and even then he's left out Vito Lee. Now get this dope straight. It's swell stuff.

The other night a lot of Hamilton men got together to form a Hamilton-in-Columbia club. Ken Morgan, '22, was keeping the boys interested till Ken Roberts came, telling about how Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's circus was searched at the Canadian border last summer to see if the bearded lady or somebody was breaking Amendment XVIII. He got through, and little Georgia Tyler pipes up and asks did they search the elephants' trunks? Then we all had to leave without organizing.

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HAMILTON COURT TEAM WINS AND LOSES ON TRIP

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as Hamilton constantly threatened to tie the score, only to drop back as St. Lawrence made good their many foul shots. Hamilton's offense failed to adapt themselves to the new style of defense which St. Lawrence assumed for this game—that of placing its center on the foul line to break up the passes on the "slow break."

The feature of the game was again the strong Hamilton defense which showed up especially well in the last quarter when the whole St. Lawrence first team was put in for a final spurt after having rested for a quarter. Time and again they carried the ball down the floor only to lose it in Hamilton territory or to take hurried shots atthe basket.

Captain Normile was the leading scorer for Hamilton with five points while Morris came second with four.

HAMILTON	FG	FP	T
Hiler, f	3	1	7
Morris, f	4	2	10
Crowley, f	1	0	2
DeSormo, f	0	0	0
J. G. Normile, c	4	2	10
Pope, c	0	0	0
Carpenter, g	1	1	3
J. R. Normile, g	1	1	3
Sherman, g	0	0	0
Boeve, f	0	0	0
	14	7	35

CLARKSON	FG	FP	T
Watsin, f	1	0	2
Cene, f	0	0	0
Kamph, f	3	0	6
Hale, c	2	0	4
Rutherford, c	0	0	0
March, g	0	0	0
Salvadore, g	1	3	5
	7	3	17

Referee: Brace. Halves: 20 minutes.

HAMILTON	FG	FP	T
Hiler, f	1	1	3
Crowley, f	0	1	1
Morris, f	2	0	4
DeSormo, f	1	0	2
J. G. Normile, c	0	1	1
J. R. Normile, g	2	1	5
Carpenter, g	1	0	2
Sherman, g	0	0	0
	7	4	18

ST. LAWRENCE	FG	FP	T
Keller, f	1	2	4
Copello, f	1	1	3
Angevine, f	0	0	0
Williams, f	0	1	1
Eckhardt, c	1	2	4
Stickles, c	0	2	2
Emblidge, g	1	1	3
Herron, g	0	1	1
Galvin, g	1	2	4
Percy, g	0	0	0
	5	12	22

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Announcement is made of the appearance of the Exchange number of the Royal Gaboon, which may be obtained at the hockey game on Saturday night.

This is the first issue since House Party and the staff report an exceptionally fine edition. The cover is appropriately designed with sketches of covers from other college publications. Literary features include several editorials and articles selected from among the best collegiate magazines. Many cartoons and jokes will add spice to the Exchange number.

Considerable time has been spent in the arrangement of this issue, and the editors feel that they have surpassed all previous expectations.

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There is no comfort for the believer in white supremacy in the latest report from Indiana, the citadel of klanhood. Kappa Alpha Psi, a Negro fraternity at the University of Indiana, ranks highest in the report of fraternity and group grades at the University.

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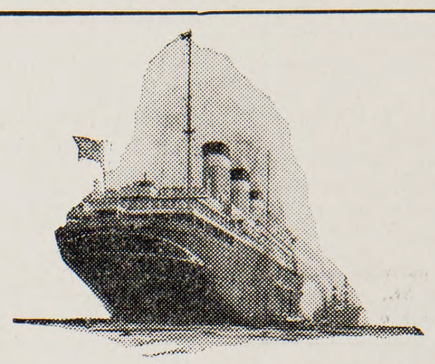

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It was unofficially reported last week by the Clinton Courier that the home of Mrs. Frank Merz on College Hill had been sold to the trustees of Hamilton College. However, no definite information is as yet available. An auction sale of the contents of the house is to be held on Thursday. The property was formerly known as the Moore home, and for 16 years, until his death in December last year, Mr. Merz conducted it as a College Inn.

Owing to its strategic position just east of the campus, it was a favorite rendezvous of thos students who wished something different from Commons. Many informal reunions took place there at Commencements, when old alumni friends renewed acquaintance. To the oldtimers, Mr. Merz's place was a landmark, and its sale will mark the passing of an institution known to generations of Hamilton men.

Hockey Schedule

December 15—Middlebury.
December 19—Nichols Club, at Buffalo.
January 5—Victoria.
January 12—Mass. Aggies.
January 19—St. Stephens.
January 26—Union.
February 2—St. Lawrence.
February 9—Nichols Club.
February 16—Amherst.
February 23—R. P. I.
March 2—Colgate.

Alumni Notes

Leon D. Sanborn, '27, is attending Union Theological Seminary.

A. Kendall Roberts, '28 is attending Columbia University.

Cleveland B. Chase, '23, has recently translated Bertram's "Louis XIV."

HAVERFORD PLANS FOUR YEAR EXAM

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the seniors to slump in their scholastic work during the last semester before graduation. According to another member of the faculty, the comprehensive examination requirement wil better equip Haverford men to pursue graduate studies elsewhere by forcing them to have a thorough knowledge of their major subject upon graduating. It is also his belief that the establishment of this system will counteract the worse effect of the present scattered system of education by linking up four years in one general review.

Student opinion on the new plan is presented in an editorial in the **Haverford News:**

"Considered in a calm and reflective light by those who have already secured their diplomas, or are exempt from summarily losing them through the exigencies of this newest mental hazard, provision for the establishment of a system of comprehensive examinations over major subjects as a requirement for a degree is one of the greatest forward steps taken by Haverford within recent years. No matter what particular plan may be adopted eventually by the faculty, such examinations are certain to raise the academic standards of the College to new and greater heights.

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Philip G. Corby, '28, is assistant principal of the Industrial Night School of the Western Electric plant, Kearney, N. J. He plans to do graduate work leading to the Ph. D. degree at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia next Fall. While in college Corby was president of the Y. M. C. A.

ATHLETICS MOST VALUABLE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

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cast in favor of discontinuing it, and 15 of those came from the freshman class. It would seem that classrooms will be filled with visitors from now on, if undergraduates were not favoring the system for the good it would do others.

Surprisingly enough, the freshmen cast more votes in favor of public speaking than did all the rest of the College. Disillusion might be mentioned in this connection also, since the number of votes against public speaking were in proportion to the length of time men had been in College. That some undergraduates believe implicitly in the benefits derived from public speaking, however, was brought out in the question relating to the most valuable extra-curricular activity. Nine freshmen, three sophomores, and two seniors voted in favor of debate as the most valuable.

Opinions on the most valuable extra-curricular activity were too numerous to catalogue. Athletics had a great majority of votes, outnumbering publications, the second choice, by two to one. There was no great difference of opinion in the four classes, although there would seem to be a slight lessening of the popularity of athletics in favor of publications and other forms of extra-curricular activities as men approached graduation. Music, a surprising answer for most colleges, ran a good third, with a vote of 31, while dramatics and debate took fourth and fifth places, respectively.

The question: "What do you like most about Hamilton?" Brought the greatest divergence of opinion. Atmosphere and size seemed to be in greatest favor, particularly with the senior class, which was split even on the two choices. The juniors had the greatest preference for size, but atmosphere, friendships, and associates ran size a close second, with six votes apiece. Sophomores and freshmen also favored size and atmosphere above anything else.

The question: "What do you lil least about Hamilton?" Also brought forth a great difference of opinion. Public Speaking had a tremendous majority, however, with required courses and conservatism taking second and third places. Compulsory Chapel was surprisingly low, due to greater grievances, as were marks and the cut system.

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The date of the wedding of Philip Sayres, '27, has been set for January 4th, and will take place in New York City.

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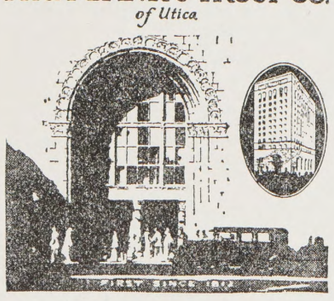

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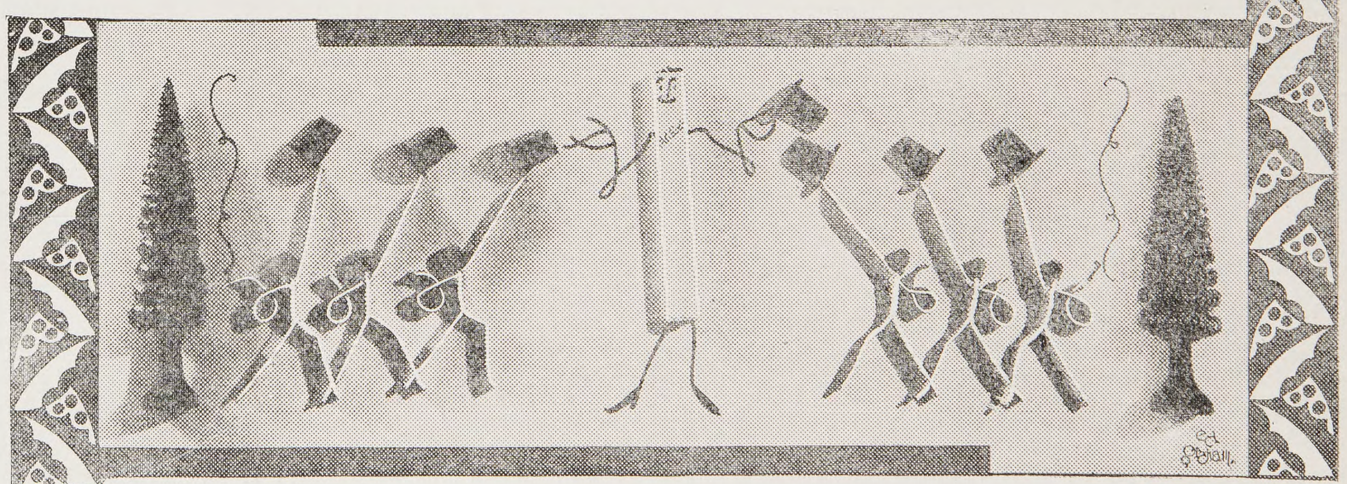
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A year ago OLD GOLD'S holiday message to its many friends was entitled . . . "OLD GOLD'S first Christmas." OLD GOLD was then just the infant prodigy among cigarettes. But, thanks to its three million new friends, and its countless old ones, OLD GOLD has grown four hundred per cent. The infant has become a strapping young giant. OLD GOLD is America's fastest growing cigarette. You have given OLD GOLD a wonderful Christmas by your kind patronage and cordial good-will. And in deepest appreciation we say to all our friends . . . "May your Christmas be as merry as you have made OLD GOLD'S."

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